



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3738**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: John H. Stevens, et al.

Examiner: David J. Isabella

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FOR TREATMENT OF
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Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in reply to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005 in the above-captioned application, the period for reply being extended to July 25, 2005 in accordance with the Petition for Extension of Time to Respond filed herewith. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is kindly requested in light of the following remarks.

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